A MARCH IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press photos

A gay rights activist dressed in drag joins a cheering group marching past the White House on Sunday. March contingents ranged from parents with their adult gay children to gay parents pushing their toddlers in strollers.

Gay rights activists march up Pennsylvania Avenue on Sunday in Washington, D.C. The march past the White House and across capital streets lasted for three hours.

WHAT THEY SAID

Here are quotes related to Sunday's gay rights march in Washington:

"I stand with you in the struggle for equality for all Americans, including gay men and lesbians."
— From a written statement by President Clinton read during a program at the end of the march by Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

"It's always scary, but it's so much better to be out of the closet."
— Roberta Achtenberg, a lesbian who faces Senate confirmation hearings this week as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at HUD.

"There are a lot more people here than we expected. I hope this tells Congress that we're here and that we will be counted. The rulers of the right wing have tried to portray us as only 1 percent of the population. Either that's not true, or every single homosexual in the country is here right now."
— Greg Pettis, head of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Desert, Palm Springs, Calif.

"A black person doesn't choose to be black, a woman doesn't choose to be a woman, a disabled person doesn't choose to be disabled. These gays choose to commit the act of sodomy, and that's what sets them apart from us. They have the same civil rights as the rest of us; they don't need special laws."
— Charles Hockenbarger, a counterdemonstrator and college student from Topeka, Kan.

"I really feel that for this 1 percent group of Americans to push their agenda on the rest of America is wrong. I don't want my kids taught that homosexuality is natural."
— Archie Bradley, a counselor of mentally handicapped adults in Wilmington, Del.

DEMANDS FOR CHANGE

Here are seven demands released by organizers of Sunday's gay rights march on Washington:

- A change in the 1964 Civil Rights Act to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual Americans; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws "that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults."
- "Massive" increases in funding for AIDS education, research and patient care; universal access to health care.
- Legislation to end discrimination against lesbians, gays and bisexuals in areas of child custody, adoption and foster care; a definition of family to include "the full diversity of all family structures."
- Equal inclusion of lesbians, gays and bisexuals in the educational system and in multicultural studies.
- The right to reproductive freedom and choice "to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist discrimination in all forms."
- An end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms.
- An end to discrimination and violent oppression based on sexual orientation or identification, race, religion, age, class or AIDS/HIV infection.

Amendment 2 puts Coloradans at center stage

Springs contingent joins in push for equal rights

By **Kelly Richmond**
States News Service

WASHINGTON — "Boycott Colorado" T-shirts and "Colorado Under Siege" banners were a common sight as hundreds of thousands of gays and lesbians took to the streets of the nation's capital Sunday to march for equal rights.

No precise numbers were available, but there may have been as many as 5,000 Coloradans among the 300,000 people estimated by the National Park Service to have attended.

"It's an amazing feeling of community and family," said Jennifer, a 26-year-old from Colorado Springs who did not give her last name.

Because of the state's visibility in the wake of Amendment 2, Colorado was chosen to be the first state delegation in the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, and its delegation drew cheers from spectators.

Amendment 2, approved by voters in November, bans laws prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals based on their sexual orientation. Enforcement is on hold pending the outcome of a suit challenging the amendment's constitutionality.

"When we tell (other marchers) we're from Colorado, they say, 'Oh, I'm sorry,' " Jennifer said.

Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., addressing the crowd after the march, encouraged them to "look for one minute around you and watch."

"You'll see people from Colorado everywhere."

Schroeder, a longtime gay rights advocate and an opponent of the ban on gays in the military, warned the crowd to beware of Amendment 2-style initiatives around the country. "We're here to tell you what happened in Colorado could happen anywhere," she said.

Tennis star Martina Navratilova of Aspen also spoke.

She was introduced as a resident "of the not-so-great state of Colorado," but she did not mention the state in her speech.

Other speakers, though, targeted the state. "The boycott Colorado movement is strong, and it's working, and we're going to win our freedom there eventually," said Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Several Colorado Springs-area groups were represented, including Ground Zero, the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center and the Southern Colorado AIDS Project.

"This is remarkable, incredible, a little overwhelming," said Bruce Pfrommer, a 34-year-old Colorado Springs resident wearing a Ground Zero T-shirt.

"I think they're very brave to come out here," said Zoa McGuire, 73, of Colorado Springs. "For everyone you see out here, there are 500 back home you don't see.

"What we hope is that the people who say we're perverts will see we're just like everybody else," McGuire said. "We're all human beings. We should all be treated the same."

MESSAGES

Here are some T-shirts, signs and banners spotted in the Colorado contingent at Sunday's march:

"Colorado Springs, Ground Zero"

"Boycott Colorado, First State to Hate"

"Boulder Queer Collective"

"Undo 2"

"Liberty is Now a Heterosexual Privilege in Colorado"

"Straight But Not Narrow"

"Colorado Springs Survivor"

"Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are"

Poll shows little agreement on gay rights

Workplace equality, backed by 80 percent, bucks trend

USA Today

WASHINGTON — Most Americans support equal rights for homosexuals in the workplace, a poll has found, but they remain deeply divided on many key aspects of gay rights.

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll released Sunday found that half say gays should not be allowed in the military, with 56 percent saying gay leaders are pushing too hard for change.

"The public is more or less antagonized," says Doris Ditty, 54, of Jackson, Ky., one of 1,005 adults surveyed Thursday through Saturday. She says homosexuals should "tone their issue down a little."

The poll also shows:

- 80 percent want homosexuals to have equal rights in terms of job opportunities; 14 percent disagree; 6 percent had no opinion.
- 48 percent think civil rights laws should not be extended to homosexuals; 46 percent disagree.
- 49 percent think gays want the same rights as others; 44 percent say homosexuals want special rights others don't have.

The margin of error is 3 percentage points.

NATION

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President Clinton is greeted by young people from a youth-services group Sunday outside a Boston hotel. Clinton was in the city to speak to a newspaper publishers association.

Clinton rues defeat, vows to keep trying for reform

Bosnia called toughest foreign issue

Associated Press

BOSTON — At times reflective and at times bristling with frustration, President Clinton worried Sunday over the defeat of his jobs bill, vowing to "bust a gut" to deliver economic and health reforms as his administration moves beyond the 100-day landmark.

In a speech to the Newspaper Association of America, Clinton also expressed exasperation with the ongoing ethnic violence in Bosnia, calling it "the most difficult foreign policy problem this country faces."

Displaying sensitivity on his accomplishments to date, Clinton told the publishers:

"You have to have a realistic feeling of how long it takes to get these things done. . . . That's why you get a four-year term, not a three-month term."

He also said he regretted the tone of partisanship that has ensnarled pieces of his economic program.

He chided Senate Republicans for blocking his $12 billion jobs bill and held out the hope for bipartisan cooperation on future initiatives.

"We cannot solve the problems of the country if every last issue that comes up, just because the president recommends it . . . attracts only members of my party. I don't want that," he said.

Summing up his progress to date, Clinton said, "In the first 96 days of this administration, I think we have begun to fundamentally change the direction taken by the government over the past decade."

He pledged to mark Day 100 — Friday on the Clinton calendar — by issuing details for his plan to let students repay college loans through community service.

Asked during questioning why he wasn't doing more on congressional passage of his $500 billion deficit-reduction program, record low interest

A LOOK AT THE FIRST 100 DAYS

Any questions about President Clinton's first 100 days as president? If so, the White House has just the book for you.

"First 100 Days. Administration of President Bill Clinton" is a slick, 32-page brochure produced by the White House. It includes several black-and-white photographs of the president and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

From the National Day of Fellowship and Hope proclamation issued Inauguration Day to his speech to the Newspaper Association of America on Sunday, it's all in the book.

"What will come from what we accomplished here — more economic growth, comprehensive health and welfare reform, a new system of national service, and the like — is opportunities for achievement, empowerment and progress for middle-class Americans and a new direction for us all," the introduction reads.

Hillary Clinton's achievements, including attending hearings on health care, also are included in the brochures, which were distributed to the media Sunday.

The White House also is handing out less-glitzy outlines of Vice President Al Gore's accomplishments.

White House spokesman Jeff Eller said he did not know how much the material cost or who paid the tab.

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Body identified as Koresh brother-in-law

Investigators continue grim work at fire site

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Cult leader David Koresh's brother-in-law, David Jones, was the first victim identified from the fire that devastated the religious group's compound last week, authorities said Sunday.

Jones, 38, was killed by a gunshot blast to the right side of his face, said David Pareya, a McLennan County justice of the peace.

Court records had earlier identified Jones as the mailman who notified Koresh that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was preparing to raid the site. Jones was the brother of Koresh's wife, Rachel Jones. She, her three children and her father also were believed to be among the victims of the fire.

Investigators said they determined it was Jones by matching fingerprints and dental records.

They said Sunday they're confident they'll match names with 43 other bodies.

Four more bodies have been located and are expected to be sent to medical examiners today. As many as 86 people, including Koresh and 17 children, were believed to have died in the fire last Monday. They had been holed up after a Feb. 28 shootout that killed four federal agents.

At the site Sunday, investigators continued recovering evidence and removing debris. Workers face health and safety concerns including exploding food cans, insects and ammunition stockpiles.

Meanwhile, at the first Sunday church services since the end of the cult's 51-day standoff, Waco ministers devoted parts of their sermons to the incident.

"I hope and continue to pray for this city . . . because of the conception that this kind of cult can flourish here," the Rev. Winfred Moore told the First Baptist Church of Waco.

Sessions says he decided to cancel TV appearance

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI Director William Sessions didn't show for a scheduled appearance Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley" to discuss the Waco cult disaster.

Brinkley, in opening the program, said the Justice Department had ordered Sessions, who is fighting to keep his job amid charges of improprieties, not to appear. "We do not know why," Brinkley added.

At the end of the show, presumably after some contact with Sessions, Brinkley said the FBI director "wants us to know that it was his idea not to come today, and he was not ordered to do so."

FBI spokesman Barry Smith said the appearance had not yet been firmed up and that the decision to bow out "was Director Session's decision and his decision alone."

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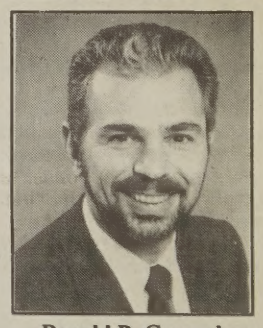
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